

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:164

ANSWERED ON:04.08.2005

USE OF RAILWAY LAND

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether large area of Railway's land is lying vacant in various zones in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise;
- (c) whether the Railways have decided to use the surplus land commercially;
- (d) if so, whether the Railways have formulated any plan to utilise the surplus land;
- (e) if so, the salient features thereof; and
- (f) the time schedule fixed for implementation of the said plan?

Answer

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 164 BY SHRI BRAJESH PATHAK AND SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.08.2005 REGARDING USE OF RAILWAY LAND.

(a) & (b) : Railway have 42,846 ha of vacant land located mostly in longitudinal strips along the track . This will largely be required by Railways for its own operational requirements in future. Zone-wise details of vacant Railway land are as under: -

Railway	Vacant Land (in ha.)
Central	2479
East Central	4454
East Coast	188
Eastern	1518
Northern	2899
North Central	713
North Eastern	5875
Northeast Frontier	3466
North Western	375
Southern	2287
South Central	3902
South Eastern	85
South East Central	3260
South Western	2854
Western	7460
West Central	1031
Total	42846

(c) to (e) : Yes, Sir. Railways have been using its vacant land for various uses till such time such land is required for Railways' operational works. These uses are Commercial licensing connected with railway working (e.g. Commercial plots for loading/unloading, bulk oil installations etc), Plantation, Grow More Food, Pisciculture, etc. Some vacant land parcels where potential exists are also taken up for property development through transparent bidding process. The land is also given on long lease to

Government departments/Public Sector Undertakings

(f) As the commercial use of the various sites (vacant land) is a continuous activity, no time schedule can be fixed.